## OUR GUNBOAT EXPLOITS.

The Late Triumph on the Mississippi.

Another Test of Iron-Plated

Invulnerable Ironsides of the Union Navy.

Tremendous Contest Between Union and Rebel Ships.

Dreadful Explosion of Two Iron Gunboats, Sinking of Another, and Injury to All the Rest.

COMPLETE VICTORY FOR THE UNION NAVY.

Captain Davis' Official Report of the Action,

Our Mississippi River Correspondence.

OFF FORT WRIGHT, May 11, 1862.

Union Operations Before Fort Wright-The Rebels Attempt to Seize Our Mortar Boats-Their M ans of Gelting Infortion-I recautions of Commodore Poole-Arrival of a New Commender-The Action Begins-The Contest Bo veen the Iron Ships Cincinnali and Louisiana-Gallantry of Captain Stembel—Appearance and Sinking of the Mallary—The Courage and Desperation of the Rebels— Frightful Explorism of Two Rebel Gunboats—The Close of the Struggle—The Union Cause Victorious, &c., &c.

At last we have experienced a change in the course of events, which have toiled onward so monotonously to just this rebellion, the right side is victori attacked us in force, and been driven badly cut up. They came out with five of their boasted gunboats and three rams, and were driven back with three less boats and their whole completely riddled and shattered. Their loss has been great-how great I have no means of knowing; but it is plain that their killed can only be numbered by hundreds. It has been a most glorious victory for the Union cause, and was achieved without the loss of a an, and with but four casualties in all, and thes but slight. Our boats came out of the action in good teim, and all of them fully capable of again encountering the enemy without the delay of a day for repairs. At this writing I have not had an opportunity of passing through the fleet and gathering all the incidents and particulars I would wish for, but will hasten to give you a parrative of the affair as fully as may be.

THE PRELIMINARIES On Thursday morning four rebel gunboats came around the point, apparently for the purpose of cutting out some of our mortar boats, which they had reason to believe were moored against the Arkansas bank, about a mile from the point, the position usually taken by them nodore Toote had issued orders that these boats be and moored higher up the stream. When the rebels but they were not so greatly disappointed after all, as the sequel shows, inasmuch as they secured a fine view of our fleet before they were driven back.

Yesterday they came up with a single boat, bearing dag of truce, estensibly to exchange two Union surgeons tured at Belmont. In reality, as it now appears they desired more perfect information of our position obtain it. The expedient was a good one, furnishing them a clear daylight view of all our vessels and their tions, and enabling them to prepare for future ope

previously obtained, they were pretty well posted on the position occupied by our vessels, and their number and the strength of their armaments.

On our part we were by no means unprepared, gene-, to meet them. Some days ago Commedore Foote ved information of a nature to cause him to anticipate an attack from the enemy. Acting upon this information, he moved his transport and supply beats further up stream, and caused the morter beats to be removed every night to more secure positions. The gunboats also were turned about and headed down stream lers were issued as to watches, and the closest scrutiny kept on every movement of the enemy.

On Friday morning Captain C. H. Davis, the newly ap-ointed Fleet Captain, arrived and immediately entered upon the discharge of the duties of Flag Officer, Commo fore Foote surrendering the command to him while he

pointed Fleet Captain, arrived and immediately entered upon the discharge of the duties of Flag Officer, Commodore Foote surrendering the command to him while he (Foote) should improve a sick leave by going home to recruit his shattered health. The Commodore, here let me say, still sulers severely from the bruine he received an his foot at Bonefore, and is only able to hobble about on crutches as yet. His health was gradually failing him under the confinement incident to this lameness, and relief from his great responsibilities and a change it climate became imperatively necessary. It was with a view of albridge him this relief that Captain Davis, an old and experienced mand officer, was appointed as Fleet Captain, that staking rank next to the Fing Officer, though by no means superseding him. The Commodore let't immediately upon Captain Davis arrival, so that the latter was thrown immediately into a position as commanding officer. When the robel attack was under he had scarcely had time to make the acquantiance of the subcrimates of his command, or to inform himself of the nature and strength of the vessels composing his fleet. He, however, did not disturb the arrangements already made by the Fing Officer, and was, therefore, in readiness, so far as the disposition of the fleet was concerned, to meet the attack when it was made.

The morning was one of the linest of the scanon, though, as la very common in this region, before surrise a dull haze spread over the water, making it difficult to see at any great distance away. Just at daylight the mortar heats were towed down to their pentionary measure. The latter dropped anchor just abroast of the mortars, and but a short distance out in the stream. Scarcely had she swung around and become author in her position when the looked gave the highest of the region of the points and the guident was eleased for action immediately. The premptness of the regions of the refer had propared to

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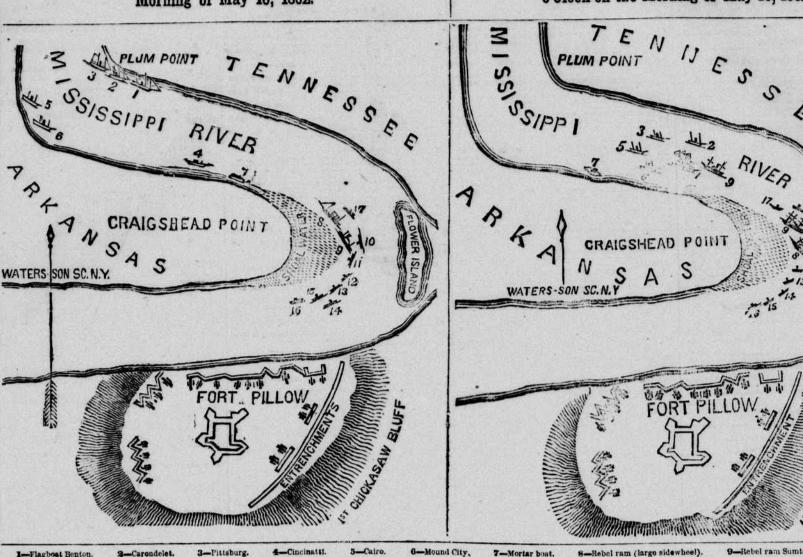
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## GUNBOAT FIGHT NEAR FORT PILLOW.

Morning of May 10, 1862.

The Position of the Opposing Fleets at Seven o'Clock of the Position of the Opposing Fleets at Twenty Minutes Before Eight o'Clock on the Morning of May 10, 1862.



1-Flagboat Benton. Gunboat.

11-Rebel gunboat.

12-Rebel gunbbat.

6-Mound City.

7-Morter boat. 14-Rebel gunboat. 15-Rebel gunboat.

8-Rebel ram (large sidewheel).

MARRIAGES AND DEATHS. Married.

Kelley-Morris church, Sixteenth street; by the Rev. Father De Layres, John J. & Elevi D Jerella M. Fur. Whom:—Sherman.—In Williamsburg. on Thursday, May 15, by the Rev. Moses Manning, Mr. Awaham B. Whom; Jr., of Liverpool, England, to Delia H. Sherman, of Stonington, Conn.

English papers please copy.

BURLINSON.—On Friday, May 16. Mrs. KARE BURLINSON, wife of John Burlinson, in the 28th year of her age.
The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from the residence of her husband, corner of Fortieth street and Third avenue, this (Sunday) afternoon, at half-jast one o'clock.
BETIS.—On Saturday morning, May 17, William Henny BETIS, eggl 36 years.
The relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the foneral services, at the relidence of his father, No. 194 East Byoadway, on Monday afternoon, at five o'clock. The remains will be taken thence on Tue-day morning to Norwakt for interment.
CAMAN.—At the buttle of Williamsburg, Virginia, on Tue-day May 6, Geomes G. CARVAN, of the Thirty-eighth regiment of New York, aged 21 years, son of Benjambe H. Carman, of Brooklyn, L. I.
CERWS.—At Dunkirk, N. Y., on Sunday, May 11, John Claws, edest son of the late James Clews, of the Ox Leasows Hall, Hilderstone, Staffordshire, England.
CULLEN,—In Heboken, on Friday, May 16, WILLIAM CULTEN, a native of Polockshaw, near Glasgow, Sculland, aged 35 years and 3 days.
The friends and relatives of the family are respectfully requested to attend the funeral, from his late residence, 207 Washington street, Hobeken, on Monday afternoon, at three o'clock.
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Cook—in Jersey City, on Friday, May 16, Samuel Cook.

Foster.—On Friday, May 16, John Foster, aged 35

cars.
The friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited.

Dr. La h op), Second avenue, on Menday afternoon, as one obseek, without further invitation.

Paren. — Killed, at the battle of Williamsburg, Virginia, on Montay, May 5, Orderly Sergeant George E. H. Parin, of Company C. Seventy see and regiment New York-State Volunteers, Sickles is igain.

His remains will be conveyed to Green sood Cemetery, from the residence of his parents, No. 349 West Thirty-fifth street, this (sunday) aftern on, at two o'clock. The friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend with at further notice.

Paren.—On Saturday, May 17, Hawood S. Paren, son of James L. and Christoene N. Paine, aged 3 months and 4 cays.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, on Tuesday morning, ab-haff-past ten o'clock, from the residence of his grand-a her, Hanford Smith, 216 West Thirty-first street. The

remains will be taken to English Neighbo hood for interment.

Pirex —In Syracuse, on Wednesday, May 14, Charles J.

Pirex, of the One Hundred and First New York State Volunteers, son of the late John L. and Eliza Piper, aged 21 years and 5 months.

The friends of the family, those of his grandfather, the late C. J. Gayler, and the members of Company C. Seventy first regiment New York State Militia, are requested to attend the funeral, this (Sunday) afternoon, at two o'clock, from the Strong place Baptist Church, Brooklyn.

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RESTON.—At Arroyo, Island of Porto Rico, on Friday,

April 18, Francis W. Frit T.N., Esq., late United States

Command that port, agod 49 years.

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1 milling.—Killed, at the battle of Williamsburg, James P. Imilling, of Rahway, N. J., sergeant of Company I., Eighth New Jersey regiment, brother of Henry S. Phillips, of this city.

Philling, at the residence of his grandmother, 117th.

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RINKEL.—In Brooklyn, on Saturday, May 17, of conomption, Mrs. Julia Ann Rinkel, wife of Michael Hinkel,
of the parish of Farangue, county Longfard, Ireland,

of the parish of Farmigne, county Programs, aged 56 years.

The friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from the real once of her son-in-law, Daniel Beegra, corner of Boerum and Bergen streets at two o'clock, on Manday afternoon.

Van Baunt.—On Pharsiny, May 16, Conxista D. Van Nuy s, wife of J. S. Homes Van Brunt, aged 32 years, Hot Chends and those of the family are invited to attend the funeral, from the residence of her hashand, at Eny Ridge, L. L. this (Sanday) afternoon, at three o'clock, without further invitation.

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through. The wound was a troublesome and painful one, but not sufficiently serious to detain the Captain from his post longer than to have it dressed. In the meantime the ram had prepared for another assault, and this time evidently with the intention of boarding her antagonist. She came up under full headway, and with her steam batteries ready for immediate use. Just as she struck the Cheinnati, however, her steam apparatus scollapsed, scalding a large number of her crew. Captain Stembel was also prepared with his steam battery to add to their discomfure, and almost simultaneously with the explosion a dense volume of scalding water and steam came pouring upon the robel crew from the deck of the gunboat. This was too much for them to withstand, and those who were left uninjured and alive managed to get their craft away beyond the reach of further injury. Their loss must have been great; though how great! have no means of ascertaining.

The casualties on the Cincinnati were very slight. Her gallant, commander was wounded, as mentioned above. Her first master received a flesh wound in his thigh, and two seamen were slightly wounded.

As the ram drew away the iron-clud gunboat Mallory appeared as a new antagonist. This is one of the new boats of which so much hoast has been made by the rebels. She had just been completed at Memphis, and on this occasion made her first public appearance. She was a nowerful craft, carrying ten or twelve guns, as sheathed with heavy boiler iron over heavy timber bulkhends stiffed with cotten.

Her first maneous was an attempt to run the Cincinnati down by butting against her. This was baffeed by the dexterous handling of the latter boat, though several times attempted. Then she hauled alongside and opened a close fire, but received rather more than she gave. The heavy bolier iron over heavy timber bulkhends—bere down upon her, and again she resorted to the battering process. Just as she was preparing to strike with all the power of momentum acquired by a quarter of a mile's running,

The Cincinnati having thus borne the brunt of the fight up to this time, and having been set upon by the whole revel feet, naturally sustained some damage. The heavy ram Louisiana twice struck her when under full headway, and some accounts say the Mallory also got her nesse in oucc. Still the noble vessel floated and withstood successfully all the attacks made upon her. But as she was leaking badly it was deemed prudent to withfraw her. She was accordingly hauled up into sheal water, where she rested upon the bottom. Here her leak was found, and before the bottom. Here her leak was found, and before the batto chosel was in readiness again to enter the lists against the routes.

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THE GENERAL EVECARIMENT.

While the close electuaters above narrated were progressing the robel fleet was rehibered by two more gundeats and two rams, which were receiving the attentions of the other boats of our fleet. The camonading was most terrible and fearful. Round succeeder round in such rapid succession as to be almost undistinguishable and to appear as one continuous roar, deadening all other sounds and stunning the ears of all within hearing. For the first time our beats were enabled to use their broadsides, and they took with wonderful effect. Comparatively but few of our shots were wasted. Shell, round shot, grape, and occasionally, when at close quarters, canister, were rained upon the robels quiet and idle under this fearful fire. Although receiving serious and fatal injuries at every successive round from our guns, they replied with extremsness, and held their positions with consummate bravery and determination. They had been held in iddeness at Fort Phiow for four weeks by the mensacing attitude of our fleet, and now they manifested a disposition to have it out. They had evidently made up their minds to give us one earnest trial, and if that should prove unsuccessful their case was hopeless. And they did try sarmestly and nobly. They fought with a degree of courage amounting to desposition.

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I have said that comparatively few of our shots were wasted. They were all admirably directed and did wonderful execution, as the condition of the robel boats fully shows. But their execution was better apparent in the explosion and total destruction of two of the most powerful of the robel gubbants. The names of these I have not yet been able to accertain.

Their destruction occurred nearly at the same time and when the engagement was at its height. Above the loud din of the cannot could occasionally be heard the shouts and cheers of the loyal crews as they discerned one and another evidence of their sure approaching final triumph. The whole scene was shot out from view by the dense volumes of smake that settled over the fleet, the result of the heavy fring. There was something grand and inspiring in all this, even to one outside, who could only hear the din and see the smake. But suidently there came a report louder than, and distinguishable above, all the others and accompanying it could be seen a volume of white smoke rolling and surging above the other smoke, and bearing on its rolling waves black misses and fragments, which again quickly disappeared. What was it? The smoke lifted and reverled the cause. A well directed shell had struce in the magazine of a robel boat, causing an instantaneous explosion of the shell, magazine and boilers. The boat was blown to alones, and her crew perished with her. It was a fearful dasmalty, and one that is well calentated to awaken the deepent sympathy and ply for the port unfortunates thus suddenly sent into eternity, but "it is the fortune of war." and the dingeos on, and more destruction is attempted.

Soon their course amounter distinguishable report, not so heavy as the first, duller and less noisy apparently. This time a ban has struck in the boilers of another robel beat, and the explosion has scaled and otherwise wounded ano

doubtless much amazed, on withdrawing, to find that she had suffered more damage herself than she had inflicted. Her nose was badly jaumed, while the solid iron sides of the Benton showel no signs whatever of the ageault. It was a signal discomfure, rendered doubty annoying by the reception of a round of grapeshot from her antagonist that compelled her to get out of the way with the least possible delay.

THE REMILS WITHDRAW.

By this time it was apparent that the enemy must withdraw quickly or be wholly destroyed. They had entered the contest with five gunboats and three runnegint in all. Three of their gunboats were totally destroyed. The remaining two, as also the rams, were riddled through and through, and all appeared to be leaking badly. On the contrary, our boats, excepting the Cincinnati, appeared wholly uninjured, and were in condition to continue the action all day if necessary. Under these circumstances the rebels had no alternative, and at twenty minutes past seven—just one hour and twenty minutes after the commencement of the battle—the last of them disappeared around Craighead Point; the heavy cannonading ceased; the smoke cleared away; our boats returned to their moorings, and the battle was ended.

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It will scarcely be left to dispute in this instance which side won the battle. The gallant Hollins will hardly have the audacity to claim a victory over our fleet, however much he may boust of having "peppered" them. The Union cause has not net with a more glorious and complete triumph since the war commenced. A have no data upon which to base even an estimate of the enemy's loss; but it could not have been less than three hundred, and possibly much more than that number. Heshies, their whole fleet is destroyed. Those boats which were withdrawn were so badly damaged that unless with extensive repairs they cannot again meet our fleet.

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We lost not a single man in the engagement. The four casualties mentioned above, as occurring on the Cinclinant, complete the list of our wounded throughout the entire fleet. Within one hour after the close of the battle every beat was in complete readiness to meet a fresh enemy of even double the strength of that vanquished this morning. Indeed, it seems almost incredible that our boats were not injured. Their escape, under so galling a fire, is almost miraculous, and adds fresh testimony to the efficiency and superiority of two solid vessels.

adds fresh testimony to the efficiency and superiority of iron-clad vessels.

I shall not attempt to bestow credit upon individuals in this letter further than to mention Captain Bavis, who has established reputation in this fleet, and, if I mistake not, throughout the country, by his coolness, courage and efficiency displayed in this action, that will last him longer than a lifetime. And it would be manifestly undust not to make particular mention of Captain Stembol, of the Choinnati, that whom a braver man haver trod a quarter-deck. His action this morning speaks for itself. I might easily extend this list by including the commanders of all the boats, each of whom discharged his duty without faltering; but this would be useless. They are all brave men, and all entitled to Italies.

proise.

I am compelled to write this letter hastily, and without obtaining all the particulars I would like, but will promise the rest to-morrow.

MISSISSIPPI RIVER FLORILLA, May 11, 1862. Incidents of the Contest-The Wounded-The Boldness and Dashing Bravery of the Rebels-The Departure of Commo

dore Foote-Affecting Scenes, dc. I wrote you a hurried account this morning of the fight between our fleet and that of the rebels, which was close and severe for about three-quarters of an hour. Our boats engaged were the flagboat Benton; Cincinnation Captain Stembel; Mound City, Captain Kilty; Carondelet, Captain Walke; Pittsburg, Lieutenant Commanding B. N. Westcott, and Cairo, Lieutenant Commanding Bryant-the three former being most closely engaged. I will not repeat what I wrote this morning, but add such incidents as escaped my memory or were learned after

my letter was sept. After the Sumter had run into the Cincinnati she ray for the Carondelet, when the Benton by a bold move ran between them, giving the ram the contents of her for ward and starboard broadside batteries, amid the cheers of the Carondelet's crew. The Sumter and the third ram then paid their attention to the flagship; but so well was she handled that they missed hitting her, though coming within forty yards of her at times, and coming within forty yards of her at times, and receiving the contents of her entire battery, gun after gun, as they would bear. The first ram which struck the Cincinnati is supposed to have been disabled by the fire of the latter, as she immediately backed down the river. One of the rams is said to be the ocean stamer Mexico, formerly running out of New Orleans. The only persons wounded on our side, so far as I can learn, are captain Stambal, Fourth Master Reynoids and two menal of the Cincinnati. The rebel gunboats remained at a respectable distance, though their shell and shot flow a ound our fleet.

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Our mertar beat had opened fire upon Fort Wright before the appearance of the rebels, and as they have in tight she gave them several shell. I hope it is needless a may that every man and officer in the fiest did his duty, is at Forts Henry. Donelsen and Island No. 10. Our morar boarreceived two shots from the rebel rams, and was fred upon by their sharpshooters, but no one was ninred.

injured.
Farragut, no doubt, is pressing them from below, and they trust to be able to destroy our upper fleet, and so proceed up the river; but as it takes two to make a barrain, and one party demars at this course, why, I don't

proceed up the river; but as it takes two to make a barrain, and one party demans at this course, why, I don't think they ill do it.

Two of their rams were wonderfully well protected, otherwise they must have been sunk at once by the heavy dire of our fleet; and they were commanded likewise by mon daring and dashing. It was a bold move, worthy of a better cause. The rams land gues forward and aft, but exposed, and no man dared show himself to lead or discharge them. By to morrow all our genneauts will be precided with additional protections against the attacks of rams. The nature or these, however, I will not mention made in several papers that "Hollins and McGrea have gone to New Orleans," So. The McGrea spoken of is a gintood, and was commanded by Thomas Hager, far a heutenant in the United States Navy.

Yesterday Capitain Clarics Heary Javis arrived to relieve Flag Other Fours, temperature, in command of the floor. Commander of the floor. Commander of the floor, the country has not a more gailing and, evidens and wis very recide. The wound in his foot has a veven printing, across and tellous, severy injuries he general health. The country has not a more gailing and. I would have defended in ving than our rate Cammadore, and it is the heartful prayer of all who has an across service.

At three P. M. he troed has been of the officers in a hody, on the mainteels by his cubin, introducing the new Flag Office, and paying a high a country has delivered to the made of the flower, in bit lead cays. Cer appears Fours the made of the wone account the second the steam of the second has a fact of the prove of the second has a fact of the second has a

conveying him to Cairo. On starting off he rese from the chair upon which he was seated, on the upper deck of the steamer, and said, "God bless you all. You are a noble set of officers and men, and know you will be successful wherever you go." He was cheered by the Benton's crew, which was repeated by every gunboat as he passed on his way up the river.

the enemy's fleet was lying at Fulton, a few miles below Fort Wright, and consisted of only six vessels, including a tug. to sink by our people, and of three of them, at least, being disabled by our fleet, to have been correct.

The Strength of the Rebet Fleet-The Union Fleet Again

Ready for Action-Ice Wanted, &c.

A reconnoissance yesterday afternoon, discovered that

Our fleet is ready for another action and anxious for it expecting to finish the business next time. Jeff. Thomp son is at Fulton, with his troops on board of transports, which are iron-cased. Ed. Montgomery is on board of

one of their gunboats or rams.

In speaking of this action, I must not forget the great usefulness of our steam tugs, which were over roady, in case of any disaster to our boats, to render assistance. They are invaluable to the squadron.

The rebeis must breakfast at a very unseasonable hour They are very unfashionable, to pay us so early a call and before we had breakfasted. The ship's cook (an old man-o'-war's man) of one of the gunboats had just "sorved out the tax water" yesterday, when the beat to quarters spoiled his arrangements. This morning he walked aft at seven o'clock, and I heard him say, as he looked at Craigheat Foint, "I wonder if these reaseals will make me serve out two tea waters this morning."

The weather is very warm, and the gunboats iron-cased, with very poor ventilation. The crows must soon suffer much unless ice is freely supplied to the fiert. "Will not this cheap article soon be sent down to the gunboat squadrons" is a question frequently asked by the sufferers.

Official Report of Captuin Davis, Com-

mander of the Flotitia. WASHINGTON, May 17, 1862. The following report from Capt. Davis, commanding the Mississippi Sotilla, was received this morning at the

Hon, Giprox Welles, Secretary of the Navy:-

erday morning, a little after seven o'clock, the rebe squadren, consisting of eight iron-clad steamers, four of them, I believe, fitted with rams, came around the point at the bend above Fort Pillow and steamed gallantly up the river, fully prepared for a regular engagement. The vessels of this squadren were lying at the time tied

up to the bank of the river, three on the eastern and our on the western side, and, as they were transferred to me by Flag Officer Foote, ready for action. Most of the vessels were prompt in obeying the signals to follow the motions of the commander-in-chief.

The leading vessels of the robel squadron made directly for mortar beat No. 16, which was for a moment unpro

great spirit during the action. He fired his mortar eleven times at the enemy, reducing the charge and diminish-Commander Stembel, in the gunboat Ciscinnati, which was the leading vessel in the line on that side of the river, followed immediately by Commander Kilty, in the gunboat Mound City, hastened to the support of the mor-

tar boat, and they were repeatedly struck by the enemy's rams, at the same time that they disabled the memy and drove him away.

The two leading vessels in the middle of the enemy's line were successfully encountered by this ship. The boiler or steamchest of one of them exploded by our

the Cincinnati, drifted down the river. Commander Walke informs me that he fired a fifty pound rifle she through the boilers of the third of the enemy's ganboats, below the water line, and residered her for the time be-The action lasted during the better part of an hour. and took place at the closest quarters. The enemy flual-

y retreated with haste below the guns of Fort Pillow.

shot, and both of them were disabled.

I have to call the especial attention of the department to the gallantry and good conduct exhibited by Command ers Stembel and Kilty, and Lieutenant Commanding S. L. Pholps. I regret to say that Commander Stembel, Fourth Master Reynolds and one of the seamen of the Cincinnati

other accidents of the day were slight. I have the honor to be, very respectfully, your obediout servant, C. H. DAVIS, Captain Commanding Mississippi Flotilla pro tem. The Sunboat Cincinnati Raised.

Cmcago, May 17, 1862.
A special despatch from Cairo says:—The gunboat

Cincinnati has been got off the bottom of the river at Fort Wright. It was supposed that she would leave for Rebel Accounts of the Engagement. The Mamphis Appeal of the 11th contains a letter from a correspondent who says that is the late naval en, gagement the rebel lose was eight killed and sixteen

The Memphis Acelanche of the 18th inst. contains the We fought the enemy with four of our lighted boats one from and a half. We sank one gunboat and two mor-

tar boats. Our loss is two killed and eight wounded ; that of the enemy is very heavy, as our sharpshooters We fought side by side ready to but again. We will be able to noid the river.

Cook.—in Jersey City, on Friday, May 16, Samuel Cook.

Cook—in Jersey City, on Friday, May 16, SAMURI COOK, aged 73 years.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully mysted to attend the funeral, from the South Sixth Street Methodist church, this (Sunday) afternoon, at three o'cock, without further invitation.

FERRIS.—On Saturday morning, May 17, George Clareone, youngest son of Thomas T. and Helen P. Ferris, aged 10 menths.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral this (Sunday) afternoon, at three o'clock, from No. 9 Varisk place.

FOX.—The remains of Michael Fox are to be taken to Calvary Chockey this (Sunday) afternoon, at two

years.

The friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, without further invitation, from the residence of his brother in law, Hugh Smyth, No. 13 Ridge street, this (Sunday) afternoon; at two o'clock.

General—On Thursday, May 15, Jean Brown General, only daspiter of Robert and Agnes Geekie, aged 12 years, I menth and 23 days.

The funeral takes place this (Sunday) morning, at nine o'clock, from her parents' residence, 294 Boorum street, Brocklyn, E. D. She will be interred in Greenwood Cometery, beside Margaret Wilson Geekie.

Hanna—In Brocklyn, L. L., on briday, May 16, Mrs. Marria Hanna, in the Sath year, — oge.

The relatives and from 18 of the first pare respectfully invited to attend the funeral, it is the residence of her son-in-law, Dr. George V. Newcomb, No. 149 Adelphi street, this (Sunday) afternoon, at two o'clock, without further invitation.

JONNSON.—On Friday, May 16, of disease of the brain, Jonn Jonnson, aged 25 years and 10 days.

The funeral will take place from his late residence, 454 Pearl street, this (Sunday) afternoon, at two o'clock. His friends are respectfully invited to attend.

Louisville (Ky.) and Boston papers please copy.

Kanss.—In Stephenson, Tenn., on Wednesday, February 26, Valenting J. Kanss, in the 28th year of his age, son of Thomas Karns, of Yorkville, N. Y., from injuries received the same day on the Nashville and Chattanooga. The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully.

son of Thomas Karns, of Yorkville, N. Y., from injuries received the same day on the Nashville and Chattanooga Railroad.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully it vited to attend the fuered, this (Sunday) afternoon, at one o'clock, from the church of St. Lawrence. The remains will be interred in Calvary Cemetery.

Lean, —On Friday, May 16, of dropay and disease of the heart, Mrs. Cremia Edma Lean, wife of Thomas S. Lear, aged 50 years.

The friends and relatives of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, this s'Sunday) afternoon, at hair-past one o'clock, from her late residence, No. 326 West Forty-eighth street.

Miller,—On Friday evening, May 16, at seven o'clock, Miss Saran Carmenias Miniter, aged 19 years and 5 months. The funeral will take place from the residence of her mother, Mrs. Eliza Chapman, 250 Rivington street, this (Sunday) afternoon, at two o'clock. The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend. Her remnies will be taken to Greenwood.

Moran,—On Friday, May 16, Partuck H. Moran, a native of the parish of Lusmagh, Kiugs county, Ireland, in the 22d years of his age.

The friends and acquaintances and the members of Company C, Sixty-ninth regiment, are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from the residence of his pareats, No. 258 East Houston street, this (Sunday) afternoon, at two o'clock.

Marna.—On Friday, May 16, Budger, the beloved wife of Maurice Mariga.

The form the veta the Standay afternoon, at hid-past one o'clock.

Marna.—On Friday, May 17, of scarlet fever, Laura N., daughter of Peter B. and Mary A. Marks, aged 2 years 10 months and 1 as.

And is this body cold in death—

The tour I leved so well?

Has Laura drawn her lates breath

Wo'll meet again in that bright world, When freed from grief and pain, Our souls shall mingle evermore And never part again. The relatives and friends of the family a

William M. McQueen, of the city of New York, aged 61 years.

McKENNA.—SARAH McKENNA, the beloved wife of Michael McKenna, aged 40 years, native of the parish of Longflid, county Tyrone, Iterand.

The triends of the fandly, and those of her brothers, France and Peter Mades, are respectfully invited to attend the Ameral, from her late resonance, 67 North Sixth streat, Williamsburg, this (Summay) attendon, at half yest two o'clock.

McKingas.—Oil Saturday, May 17, Janes McKingas, Oil Saturday, May 17, Janes McKingas, Piguate Quartermatter United States Army, son of the late 'others, McKingas, oil saturday, May 17, Janes McKingas, Oil Saturday, May 17, Janes McKingas, Piguate Quartermatter United States Army, son of the late 'others, McKingas.